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In re application of : Confirmation No. 9619  
Seiji NONAKA et al. : Docket No. 2000-1402  
Serial No. 09/679,308 : Group Art Unit 1745  
Filed October 6, 2000 : Examiner J. Mercado

ELECTRODE METAL MATERIAL,  
CAPACITOR AND BATTERY FORMED  
OF THE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE MATERIAL AND  
THE CAPACITOR AND BATTERY

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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#### AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 21, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An electrode metal material for use in an electrode structure in contact with non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein the electrode metal material is a carbon-containing metal material comprising a valve metal material, and carbon particles partially embedded in a surface of the valve metal material and projected from the surface of said valve metal material to expose said carbon particles from said surface.

Kindly cancel claim 2 presently in the application without prejudice.